Projects for Cleansing of River

*434. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects for cleansing different rivers in the West, East and Central India under the National River Action Plan undertaken for implementation under the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress made in regard to each one so far; and

(c) the projects under contemplation for the 9th Five Year Plan, river-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), pollution abatement works have been taken up in 46 towns located on identified polluted stretches of 18 rivers in 10 States at an estimated cost of about Rs. 772.00 crores to be shared equally between the Central and the concerned State Governments. The operation and maintenance cost of the facilities will however, be borne entirely by the States. *(See* Appendix 179, Annexure No. 60)

(b) So far, we have received 105 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of schemes from the State Governments. Of these, 76 DPRs with a value of abour Rs. 65 crores have been approved. The details of approved DPRs are given in Annexure. *(See* Appendix 179, Annexure No. 61)

(c) No additional proposal under NRCP are presently under consideration of Government.

Applications for release of Forest Land for Industrial use

*435. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications received for release of forest land for industrial use in different regions;

(b) the details of all such pending applications in 1995-96 and the current year;

(c) whether any monitoring is being done by Government to decide such applications;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) how much of forest land has been allotted for the industrial use during last three years, with names of beneficiaries and corresponding acreage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a), (b) and (c) During the last three years 21 proposals for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been received in the Ministry for industrial use. A statement showing the details of such proposals alongwith the forest area diverted is laid on the Table of the House. *(See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.